

WHITE STAR LINER AFRIC SUNK, 17 MISSING—TURKS HEMMED IN AT KUT

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'HOW CAN WE STRAFE THESE WRETCHED PEOPLE?'—THE KAISER  
AND HINDENBURG TRYING TO FIND A ROAD TO VICTORY.



Hindenburg, who is pointing with his index finger to a place on the map, says the military situation is "good"—when he is talking for publication. But did he tell the same

story to the Kaiser at this earnest consultation in which von Ludendorff, Chief of Staff, also took part? The latter is seen looking on with a very dissatisfied face.

MEN WHO WON'T LET THE KAISER WIN—DECORATIONS FOR HEROIC OFFICERS.



Major W. Phythian-Adams (Royal Fusiliers) awarded the M.C. for his great courage and initiative. He has done fine work on many occasions.—(Lafayette.)



Major Joseph Henry Dobson (South African Pioneers), awarded the D.S.O. He began life as an apprentice in the Crewe railway works.



Lieutenant C. R. Horan, M.C. He obtained valuable information, captured a machine gun and saved a wounded officer.



Captain John Whitaker Woodhouse, R.F.C., the famous motor-cyclist, awarded a bar to his Military Cross. On three occasions he attacked Zeppelins over land and sea.



Lieutenant R. T. Thornton (Indian Army), who wins the M.C. He displayed great coolness under machine-gun fire.



Captain H. S. Cooper (Canadian Infantry), awarded bar to his Military Cross. He led a raid with great courage.



Captain J. C. Callaghan, R.F.C., awarded the M.C. He has displayed marked courage during night bombing operations, and once extinguished an enemy searchlight.



## "SNOBBISH TO REFUSE STATE SALARY."

Lively Commons Debate on Payment of Ministers.

### 'MYSTERY POOL' PROTEST

"Though Lord Milner is getting £5,000 a year as a member of the Cabinet, he can be subjected to no criticism in the House," because he holds no parliamentary office.

This complaint was made last night in the House of Commons by Mr. Swift McNeill.

The debate raised on the salaries of Ministers was followed by M.P.s with lively interest. Chief subjects of discussion were:—

The pooling of Ministers' salaries.

Decision of certain Ministers not to take their salaries.

Growth and size of the Government.

Position of Ministers without portfolio.

Mr. Bonar Law, who defended the right of Ministers to make what private arrangement

they liked regarding their salaries, stated that the members of the Government who were not drawing their salaries were:—

The Lord Privy Seal (Lord Crawford).

The Financial Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. S. H. Lever).

The Chairman of the Air Board (Lord Cowdroy).

The Shipping Controller (Sir J. P. Maclay).

The Food Controller (Lord Devonport).

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Food Controller (Captain C. Bathurst).

In the end the vote of £3,075 for additional salaries, on which the discussion was raised, was agreed to without a division.

### MR. DILLON'S OUTBURST.

Ministers Without Portfolio.—Mr. S. Roberts argued that it was necessary for the conduct of the war that there should be two or three members of the Cabinet without portfolios, so that they could concentrate their whole energies on the war. Why should they not have salaries?

Mr. Samuel said the most serious ground for criticism that could be urged was that fresh positions had been created with the somewhat barbarous title of "Ministers without portfolios" instead of using the secure offices, which had been retained in our Constitution precisely for such an emergency.

Pooling of Salaries.—Mr. Ashley said it was a perfect farce to ask the House to vote £5,000 a year for Ministers when it was well known they were not going to receive it, because it was going into a common pool.

Mr. Bonar Law took the view of the late Prime Minister, that it was not the business of the House or anyone else to inquire into any private arrangement made.

He hoped no one would consider that because certain members of the Government had refused to take their salaries any obligation rested on the rest to do the same.

Mr. Dillon declined to accept the view that it was not the business of the House whether or not the pooling arrangement should continue.

That arrangement was a most undesirable departure from the practice of the House.

### CRY OF "SNOBBISH."

It was an outrage to ask the House to vote a salary to a Minister which they knew he was not going to receive, but was going into some mysterious pool.

"No Salary" Ministers.—Mr. Holt said it was very undesirable that rich men should occupy public positions and not take the salaries attaching to them. It put poorer men in a very unfair position.

Sir W. Essex said it was snobbish and well-nigh impertinent for a rich man to come into the Government and advertise that he would not take his salary.

Size of the Cabinet.—Mr. T. Lough criticised the growth in the size of the Government, and said the liberties of the House were in serious danger in consequence.

Mr. Bonar Law said they were quite ready to have the subject of the Cabinet administration discussed should the House desire it.

### THE BIG EXPLOSION.

Colonel Yates asked the Minister of Munitions, with regard to the recent explosion near London, for the name of the man who was responsible for the accumulation of dangerous explosives there, and whether it was absolutely necessary so great an accumulation should be permitted.

Sir Worthington Evans said the matter was under investigation by an expert committee, whose report was expected shortly. It was not true to say there was an undue accumulation of explosives.

Mr. Hope stated it was hoped that the services of all able-bodied interned enemy aliens would now be used on the land.

## NO COMPULSION YET.

Why Mr. N. Chamberlain Prefers Voluntary National Service.

### WOMEN TO HAVE A CHANCE.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Director-General of National Service, explained to *The Daily Mirror* yesterday his ideas concerning the duties of the people at the present time.

In the course of a special interview he said that, for the moment, there was no intention to introduce any compulsory measures and he hopes that the response to the appeal for voluntary recruits will be sufficient.

"The position of the men who cannot discharge their civil liabilities if they volunteer for national service has engaged my closest attention," Mr. Chamberlain explained.

"There is no wish to call upon men who would leave dependents unprotected for."

Mr. Chamberlain referred to the question of women labour. Women, he said, would be given their chance before men with dependents are called up—in other words, before any compulsory measure is introduced.

There is one point which Mr. Chamberlain wishes to emphasise. Many people are hanging back because they feel that they cannot do anything useful.

"This is a mistake," said Mr. Chamberlain. "A man is often a very bad judge of his own capabilities."

A scheme for the utilisation of the services of women for national purposes, it was officially stated last night, is under the consideration of the Department which has been recently formed under the Director-General of National Service, and will be promulgated as soon as possible.

In the meanwhile, women should register their names at the women's department of the employment exchanges throughout the country. There are registered at the exchanges many vacancies of various kinds for work of national importance, and especially for work in munition filling factories.

## IN THE HUNS' CLUTCHES.

Released Prisoners' Appeal for Exchange of Civilians.

The health and safety of 4,000 Englishmen interned in Germany is appealed for in a memorandum to the Government, signed by a large number of released civilian prisoners. "While the possible gain to Germany in a general exchange of prisoners of 26,000 fighting men and possible information given to the enemy is recognised, the memorandum states that the probability is that, after two years' confinement, not many Germans would be fit for military service."

Additional reasons for the exchange of prisoners are: The impression that would be created in Germany by the 26,000 men, who could vouch for our strength, our plentiful supply of food, as compared with Germany, and the failure of the Zeppelin campaign.

"Finally," says the memorandum, "we who have spent many months in Ruhleben Camp, consider it our duty to point out that, unless all British civilian prisoners are immediately released, many will not survive."

## OUR ARMoured CARS.

British Detachment Twice Shell Foe on the Sereth.

RUSSIAN OFFICIAL.

(Admiralty per Wireless Press.)

Rumanian Front.—The English armoured motor-cars twice advanced towards the enemy's positions in the region of the Sereth mouth and bombarded them with artillery fire.

North-east of Pecosani one of the French armoured entered into combat with an enemy machine, which after several minutes rapidly descended, apparently damaged.



Every day will be celebrated in London to-day, when collections will be made for the wounded. Here cases are seen being dispatched to the hospitals.

## 'A CELIBATE MISSION.'

Story by Wife Who Obtained Divorce from Clergyman.

### "AFTER CHURCH" LETTER.

A clergyman figured as respondent in the Divorce Court yesterday.

The action was brought by Mrs. Marie Eugenie Opie, of Brighton, who asked for the dissolution of her marriage on the ground of the cruelty and misconduct of her husband, the Rev. Wilfred Maxwell Opie. There was no defence.

The marriage took place at St. Jude's, Portsmouth, in 1907, said Mr. Hume Williams, K.C., for petitioner, and he regretted to say respondent was a member of the Church of England.

Petitioner, giving evidence, stated that she had £100 a year of her own, and after the marriage her mother allowed respondent £200 a year.

They lived for some time at Chichester, and at one time witness had to complain of her husband's conduct with a young woman.

Another time witness accidentally opened one of his letters, which was from another woman asking him to meet her after church.

In 1915, added witness, respondent took up with what was supposed to be a celibate mission in Rotherhithe.

Mr. William Thomas Hale, formerly of the Brighton police, said he watched Mr. Opie on June 20, 1916. Respondent went to London and at Victoria Station met a woman.

A decree nisi was granted, with costs.

## FIXED COAL PRICES.

Board of Trade Warning to Dealers who Charge More.

With regard to complaints of excessive prices charged by dealers in coal in small quantities, the Board of Trade point out that dealers selling coal in quantities of 20wt. or less, who fail to display their prices prominently on the vehicles, or in the shops, from which the coal is sold, or who charge prices higher than those displayed, are liable to prosecution under the by-laws of the London County Council.

Under their arrangement with the Board of Trade wholesale merchants will refuse to continue supplies to dealers who charge prices higher than the recognised maximum prices, which are as follows:—

Street Sales From Trolleys: North London, 1s. 10d. per hundredweight; South London, 1s. 11d. per hundredweight.

Shop Sales: 1d. per hundredweight higher than the above trolley price for the district.

Infraction of the above-named by-laws should be reported to the Chief Officer, Public Control Department, London County Council.

The Hon. Secretary of the London Merchants' Retail Coal Prices Committee, 8, Coal Exchange, E.C.4, will also be glad to be informed of cases in which prices in excess of the above amounts are demanded.

## 'TAXI-WOMEN' WELCOMED

London Invasion Supported by Experience of Other Towns.

The advent of women taxi-drivers in London has been hailed on all sides with joy.

Already they are a recognised feature of most provincial streets, and the objections that they cannot handle heavy luggage or deal with troublesome passengers are disposed of by experience.

"War conditions practically compelled us to assent to the issue of licences to women to act as conductors of public vehicles."

This was the reply which the Home Secretary (Sir George Cave) gave to a deputation from the Parliamentary Committee of the War Union Congress, which waited upon him yesterday, asking that the employment of women on omnibuses or tramway-cars should be only for the duration of the war.

The Home Secretary added that, irrespective of the war, there was no legal obstacle to the granting of licences to women. He certainly could not venture to say that in the future no such licences would be issued.

## NO TIME EXTENSION FOR WAR LOAN.

Friday the Last Day for Helping on Victory.

### LAST-LAP RALLY.

Friday will be the last day for purchasing Victory War Loan.

There is to be no extension of time for the closing of the lists.

This announcement was made by Mr. Bonar Law, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the House of Commons last night.

Everyone, workers and employers alike, should make a final effort to lend all they can. Remember there are only three days left!

There is the best of all securities. The State is behind it, and you get splendid interest on your money.

The money is not locked up. If at any time you want it you can sell the stock.

### IN TRAFALGAR-SQUARE.

The arrangements for to-morrow's great civic demonstration in Trafalgar-square are nearly complete.

The Mayor of Westminster will welcome the Lord Mayor and the mayors of metropolitan boroughs, and the band of the Coldstream Guards will play patriotic airs.

An address by the Lord Mayor will be followed by a prayer by the Dean of Westminster, and various choruses will provide choirs for the singing of the hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past."

Mr. McKenna, speaking at a War Loan meeting at Aberystwyth last night, asked if it were thinkable that a man could be found who, having the means, did not answer to his country's call.

The General Federation of Trade Unions has decided to contribute £40,000 Four-and-a-Half per Cent. Loan and to add £60,000 of new money.

Up to yesterday morning Blackburn had invested one million pounds in the loan, not in-

## 3 DAYS

only are left for you to do your bit, great or small, for the Victory Loan.

cluding business done through the stockbrokers on the Bank of England.

In order to provide facilities for business people employed during the day, time, many suburban banks and banks in the provinces are keeping their premises open during the last three days of the loan from seven to nine in the evening.

The Postmaster-General announces that post offices may be kept open till 8 p.m., on exceptional circumstances, 9 p.m. to-day, to-morrow and Friday.

A War Loan sweep in connection with the Liverpool Exchange Newsroom is expected to reach £25,000.

## DREADED THE ARMY.

Called Up Man Returns Home to Die with His Wife and Child.

"We have decided to take the plunge and take our darling boy with us. I have no inclination to see my boy grow up and have to suffer the same miseries."

This letter was read at an inquest at Addiscombe last night on Thomas Weedon (32), a newsagent, his wife (aged 30) and their six-year-old son Thomas, all of whom were found dead in bed as the result of gas poisoning.

A neighbour said Mrs. Weedon told her that her husband could not stand the Army, and that the first opportunity he had he would come home now to retire.

A solicitor stated that he received a letter from Weedon, in which he enclosed his will and explained that he had been called to the colours, but the life was unbearable. Verdicts of wilful murder against the father and mother in the case of the boy and "Suicide while of unsound mind" were returned.

## MUNITIONS EXPLOSION.

Damage to Buildings in Yorkshire, but No Loss of Life.

The following announcement was made by the Minister of Munitions last night:—

"The Ministry of Munitions regrets to announce that an explosion took place in a munition factory in Yorkshire this morning."

The explosion was preceded by a fire and, as far as information is at present to hand, all employees were able to escape in good time, and no lives have been lost.

Some damage has been done in the neighbourhood.

## MORE SUGAR THIS MONTH.

It was stated officially yesterday that there would be about 10 per cent. more sugar available for retail in February than in January.



# TURKS HEMMED IN AT KUT—GREAT LINER SUNK

**Mile Advance by British in Mesopotamia—  
Foe in Their Last Line.**

**FIRST LORD ON "GREAT DANGER OF U BOATS."**

**Our Counter Measures, Says Lord Lytton, Have  
Already Achieved Considerable Success.**

**WHITE STAR LINER SUNK.**—The Germans have sunk another big liner, the ss. *Afric*, belonging to the White Star Line (11,999 tons), being their latest victim. Seventeen of the crew are missing.

**THE SUBMARINE PERIL.**—Sir Edward Carson, the First Lord of the Admiralty, in the course of an interview, said the barbarous attacks made by the German submarines were creating a most difficult and serious problem. Lord Lytton, in the House of Lords, said our counter-measures had already achieved considerable success.

**GOOD NEWS FROM KUT.**—Further good work has been done at Kut. A new advance has resulted in our troops getting well to the north-west of the town, completely hemming in the Turks.

**TURKS ENTIRELY HEMMED IN NEAR KUT.  
12,000-TON LINER SUNK  
BY SUBMARINE.**

**Foe Driven Back to His Last  
Trench.**

## BRITISH OFFICIAL.

The General Officer Commanding in Mesopotamia reports:—

On February 10 the enemy's bridge at Shumran was shelled, a direct hit was scored, and some enemy shipping sunk.

On February 11 the advance on the right bank of the Tigris was resumed, and the enemy was

## FOUR LOST SHIPS.

British.—*Afric* (11,999 tons), Athenian (trawler), Victoria (smack, 51 tons).  
Norwegian.—West (motor vessel).

driven back to his last line of trenches in the Ditra bend, west of Kut.

By evening our line was established across the bend from bank to bank on a frontage of 5,500 yards, and the enemy completely hemmed in.

The distance covered in the advance varied from 800 yards on our right to 2,000 yards on our left.

## ENEMY'S CLAIMS.

### TURKISH OFFICIAL.

AMSTERDAM, Monday.—Tigris Front.—On the afternoon of February 9 the enemy again attacked our positions south of the Tigris. The fighting lasted till a late hour in the evening, and was extremely fierce.

Only on our left wing did the enemy succeed in gaining ground.

On Saturday morning the enemy kept our positions under a violent fire from his heavy artillery. Nevertheless, no hostile attack was made either against our left wing or against our centre.

Three enemy companies which, taking advantage of a storm, approached to within about twenty yards of our positions, were repulsed with great losses.—*Reuter*.

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**"FIFTY U BOATS SUNK."**

The Exchange Telegraph Company's correspondent at Lausanne says:—

The *Democrat*, a Swiss newspaper, states that the official records of the German Admiralty show that over fifty submarines have not returned to port, for one reason or another, since the beginning of the war, and that at the present moment there are 180 actually in service.

## KAISER IN VIENNA.

AMSTERDAM, Tuesday.—A telegram from Vienna states that the German Emperor has arrived in Vienna to visit the Emperor Charles.

**MR. WILSON'S NO TO FOE'S  
IMPUDENT PROPOSAL.**

**Mr. Gerard Not Charged with Fresh  
Offers.**

President Wilson has administered a direct snub to Germany. The Germans have expressed their willingness to negotiate provided the commercial blockade of England is not interfered with.

But President Wilson promptly has said: "No." He declines to talk unless Germany restores to the United States her pledges and withdraws her proclamation regarding U boat activity.

Mr. Gerard, interviewed by the *Berne* correspondent of the *Pelti Parisien*, says a Paris message of yesterday's date, states:—

It is hardly possible for me to give any information in addition to the declaration I made yesterday on my arrival in Zurich.

Diplomatic relations between Germany and America being at an end, I am returning to Washington because my mission is terminated.

I am charged with no fresh peace proposals, nor am I bringing from Berlin any suggestions whatever relative to any compromise between Germany and America on the subject of submarine warfare, which would be calculated to avoid conflict between the two nations.—*Exchange*.

*Berne*, Tuesday.—Mr. Gerard will remain five days at Berne, and will then leave for France. He will stay for some time in Paris before proceeding to Spain.—*Wireless Press*.

### AMERICANS TO WITHDRAW.

New York, Tuesday.—The Associated Press is informed that the Commission for Relief in Belgium has officially notified the German authorities that the Americans are withdrawing from participation in the relief work in Belgium and Northern France.

Hoover, the chairman of the Commission, who is in Boston, announces that the American Commission will continue to obtain funds and supplies, and will support and co-operate with another neutral relief organisation if one is formed.

There is, he says, \$5,000,000 worth of food now stored in the warehouses in the various districts in which the Commission has been active, this being equivalent to six weeks' supply.

This is in charge of Belgian officials, who will be authorised to distribute it until another organisation takes over control.—*Reuter*.

**GERMANY'S "PERIOD OF  
GRACE" EXPIRES.**

A Berlin official telegram, says a *Reuter* Amsterdam message, states that the period of grace for neutral steamers in the blockaded zone in the Atlantic and English Channel elapsed on the night of February 12. The period of grace for the North Sea and Mediterranean has also expired.

Vessels which in spite of this enter the blockaded zones do so with full knowledge of the danger threatening them and their crews.

It is expressly stated that all news spread from the enemy side regarding torpedoing without previous warning of neutral ships before the dates mentioned for the various blockaded zones is incorrect.—*Reuter*.

### HUNS AND YARROWDALE.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday.—M. Ritter, the Swiss Minister acting for Germany, has advised the State Department that Germany will hold the Yarrowdale men as prisoners until definitely assured that the German crews in the United States will not be held as prisoners.—*Exchange*.

**BRITISH BALKANS RAIDS.**

### FRENCH OFFICIAL.

Army of the East.—The weather having slightly improved, operations have become more active.

There has been an artillery duel on the Struma and the Vardar.

British raids on Palms and in the region of Doiran resulted in the capture of some prisoners.

Between the Cerna and Lake Presba the bombardment is particularly violent. Several attempted coups-de-main by German troops have been repulsed by the Italians.

Austro-Albanian bands are reported at Mekani, north-west of Koritza. In the same region Ersk has been occupied by the Italians.—*Central News*.

**SCANDINAVIA'S PROTEST.**

The three Scandinavian Governments' joint protest regarding Germany's submarine blockade was to be handed to the German Foreign Office yesterday, says a *Central News* Copenhagen message.

**TANKS FOR DUTCH ARMY.**

AMSTERDAM, Tuesday.—According to *De Hel* Centrum, the Dutch Army contemplates the introduction of tanks.—*Reuter*.

**BRITAIN GRAPPLING  
WITH U PROBLEM.**

**Confident of Securing Safety  
Lines for Supplies.**

**TURNING OUT T.B.Ds.**

The submarine menace was discussed in the House of Lords yesterday.

Lord Lytton, who represents the Admiralty in that House, said the Government were confident of being able:—

To secure lines of safety for neutral and Allied shipping.

To maintain a supply at least of the absolute necessities.

Other points regarding the menace were:—

Every available shipbuilding yard was being utilised at the moment to turn out destroyers.

Counter-measures have already achieved very considerable success.

Civilians would have to forgo many commodities hitherto imported, as all cargo space would be devoted to absolute necessities.

Sir E. Carson, in an interview given to the *Pelti Parisien*, spoke of the great danger of the submarine campaign, and added that a very large number of U boats had been destroyed.

**"IN TWO MONTHS' TIME."**

Lord Berosford, in the House of Lords, said in the last seven days there had been sunk 150,000 tons, of which 105,000 tons were British. Since the beginning of the war we had lost 4,000,000 tons, of which 3,000,000 tons had been replaced.

As a matter of fact, we had done remarkably well, and we should do better in the future.

In August, 1915, the country was told the submarine menace was well in hand. It had never actually been well in hand, but was nearer being so now than at any previous time.

He appealed to the Government to tell the country why they regarded the position as serious, and so prepare it for measures of curtailment of commodities.

"We had undoubtedly a bad time coming, but he believed that in from six weeks to two months' time we would find the submarine menace well in hand.

**SUCCESSFUL MEASURES.**

Lord Lytton, replying, said it was impossible for the Government fully to take the country into its confidence in this matter, reassuring though it would be, because it would impart valuable information to all the enemy.

Not only all the expedients mentioned by Lord Berosford, but a great many others besides were being employed.

There was no sovereign panacea which could be used to clear the seas of this pest, and all the resources of the British Navy would not be wanting in this supreme crisis.

All the shipyards in the world would not be sufficient to turn out all the number of U boats required, but every available shipbuilding yard was being utilised.

Although this new phase of the submarine menace is but a fortnight old, the counter-measures have already achieved very considerable success.

**"THE GREAT DANGER."**

Sir Edward Carson (First Lord of the Admiralty), in an interview accorded to the *Pelti Parisien*, said:—

"I cannot hide from you, any more than I can hide from myself, the great danger of the new submarine campaign. These barbarous attacks create for us a most difficult and serious problem."

"There is not at sea a single British sailor nor at the Admiralty a single member of the Board or staff officer who does not work day and night in the hope of solving the problem, and our anxiety only serves to incite us to greater efforts."

Despite the illegal and barbarous acts of the enemy pirates, despite the daily increasing risks which they run, not a single sailor has yet flinched, and I am certain in advance that fresh menaces and new dangers will find our brave seamen as resolute as hitherto to sacrifice their lives in the service of their country."—*Exchange*.

The *Central News* version of the interview adds the following:—

Sir Edward proceeded to allude to the vast minefield placed in the North Sea, and added that Great Britain had destroyed a very large number of enemy submarines, while the activity of British submarines was constantly increasing. The British Minister remarked that his own son was an officer on board a submarine.



Sir Edward Carson.





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In these days of stress and hustle the skin needs special attention. A face becomes careworn and the hands rough and hard unless help is given.

Oatine contains natural oil which makes and keeps the skin soft and velvety. Stress and hard work need not be feared. Ask any of the many war workers who use OATINE—they know.

## Oatine FACE CREAM

Oatine also removes dirt and grime from the pores which soap and water cannot reach. Test this by washing the hands in the ordinary way, then after applying Oatine wipe off with a clean towel; the towel is black with dirt that Oatine has removed, dirt that soap and water cannot reach. Oatine is sold by all Chemists, 1½ and 2½ a jar.

**USE IT AND PROVE IT!**

## I WAS A SIGHT FROM SUPERFLUOUS HAIR.

**I Cured It Quickly, Root and All,  
So It Never Returned.**

**I Will Send Free Full Particulars of the  
Sacred Hindoo Secret which Cured Me.**

For years I was the victim of horrid hair growths on my face and arms. I was a sight. Every time I met another woman with this "manish" mark and saw how it spoiled her looks I became the more distracted, for I had tried all the pastes, powders, liquids, and other "hair-removers." I had ever heard of, but always with the same unsatisfactory result.

Finally my husband, a noted surgeon and an officer in the British Army, secured from a native Hindoo soldier (whose life he had saved) the closely-guarded secret of the Hindoo religion, which forbids Hindoo women to have the slightest trace of hair except the hair on their head. I used it. In a few days all hair growths had gone. Today not a trace can be found. It has been killed for ever, root and all. My experience with this wonderful remedy was so remarkable that I feel it my duty to tell my experiences to others afflicted, that they may profit by it, and not waste their time and money on worthless "concoctions"—as I did. Therefore, to any lady who will write me within the next few days, sending two penny stamps to cover my outlay for posting, I will send quite free full information so that you may for ever end all trace of embarrassing hair by the wonderful method that cured me. Please state whether Mrs. or Miss, and address your letter—Freda Hudson, Suite 102H, 9, Old Cavendish-street, London, W.

The native women of India never have any trace of Superfluous Hair. I will send you the Secret.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Mrs. Hudson belongs to a family high in Society, and is the widow of a prominent Officer in the British Army, so you can write her with every confidence. Address as above.

## Chivers' Jellies

Flavoured with Ripe Fruit Juices

**HERE IS A GOOD RECIPE**

**Milk Jelly**—Chivers' raspberry, cherry, or vanilla jelly, one pint packet; new milk, nearly one pint. Cut up the jelly into a basin. Dissolve by standing the basin in very hot water. When it is almost cold, stir the milk in very slowly. Turn into a wet mould. Jelly must be only slightly warm or milk will curdle.

Write for further Recipes  
The Orchard Factory, Hatton, Cambridge

## DEFENCE EXPERT IN BRITISH ARMY.



Disarming a man of his rifle. He can bowl people over with a touch.

## IN THE NEWS.



Miss Marjorie Holmes, to be married to-day to Mr. J. D. M. Alison Stewart, of British Columbia.



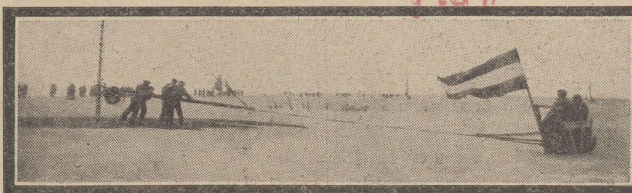
2nd Lieut. William Lawrence Betteley (Somersetshire L.I.), awarded the M.C. He has been wounded.



Ozaka before and after joining the Army.

Ozaka, the famous attack and self-defence expert, whose official designation is Sergeant-Instructor Nuthall (South African Infantry), has been giving a series of wonderful demonstrations at Aldershot. He is Norfolk born and fought in the South-West African campaign.

## A POPULAR WINTER SPORT IN HOLLAND.



It is ten years since there was such a severe winter in Holland.

## MAUDIE LOST.



A taking little girl calling herself Maudie, who was found in Kilburn. The Paddington Guardians seek her relatives.

## MISSING.



Second-Lieutenant E. D. Spicer, R.F.G., missing.

## BRAVE SCOUT.



John Charters, aged fourteen, who rescued three boys who fell through the ice, He saved them with a hook.

## HOW I DARKENED MY GREY HAIR.

**Lady Gives Simple Home Recipe That  
She Used to Darken Her Grey Hair.**

For years I tried to restore my grey hair to its natural colour with the prepared dyes and stains, but none of them gave satisfaction and they were all expensive. I finally came across a simple recipe which I mixed at home that gives wonderful results. I gave the recipe, which is as follows, to a number of my friends, and they are all delighted with it. To 7 ozs. of water add a small box of Orlex Compound and 1 oz. of bay rum. These ingredients can be bought at any chemists at very little cost. Use every other day until the hair becomes the required shade. It will not only darken the grey hair, but removes dandruff and acts as a tonic to the hair. It is not sticky or greasy, does not rub off and does not colour the scalp. —(Advt.)

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## ANOTHER CHAPTER IN BELGIUM?

THE moral effect of having America on our side in this ever-spreading war would be immense. The moral effect, that is, of so obviously pacific a Government being forced into the struggle against Prussia would show even friends of Kultur that the defensive spirit is on our side.

Physically, materially, the American intervention could at first only bring disadvantages. We have to face that prospect now. Already it begins to define itself. We see Mr. Gerard, to whom we all owe so much, leaving Germany. We see the Americans leaving Belgium. The German Government orders them to go from the invaded provinces there and in Northern France. The Belgian Commission for Relief loses their support on the spot; though, duly hampered in the Prussian manner, another admirable man, Mr. Brand Whitlock, may remain.

All this indeed need not mean that the plight of Belgium is worsened. But it probably will mean as much. It is galling to men like Baron von der Lancken to see that Belgians are getting helped and fed. The good act implies a criticism of the German rule—one long series of oppressive crimes in Belgium. And, besides, why should Belgians eat while Germans suffer from shortage? With truly grim irony, a sinister smile on his pursed lips, the Military Governor of Brussels explained, a little while ago, that the herded slavery of Belgians driven into Germany had its excuse in the needs of Belgium herself—and of Germany, of course! The two countries were to pool their industrial resources. And what are men—suffering nerves and flesh and blood—to Prussia, but atoms, calculable units, part of the industrial scheme? Thus slavery was excused. Similarly, the food resources will be pillaged and pooled. If we starve (the argument will run) you too shall starve. A new chapter in the history of the Belgian agony is beginning.

And this appeals to American feeling more than anything that has happened in the war. A presentation of the case like that given in the recent "Belgian Number" of *Life* (January 11, 1917) goes to the heart of true Americans. Bit by bit, thus, the Prussian fist drives out and away all stray sympathies, pities, neutralities, that once and for a while appeared to be on its side. "You must hate me," it seems to say, as it strikes the prostrate body it has wounded—"you must oppose me, I am I—and my individuality is the negation of all that humanity strives to reach, as it is the realisation of all that it longs to crush as evidence of its primal brutishness." W. M.

### IN MY GARDEN.

FEB. 13.—Grass should not be allowed to grow up to the stems of orchard trees—especially those recently planted. Now is a suitable time to remove the grass from around the stems to a distance of three or four feet; then loosen the soil somewhat and give a dressing of manure. Newly planted trees must be carefully secured to strong posts without delay. Horseradish may be planted any time this month. Set the roots in good deeply-dug soil about eight inches deep. An early supply of rhubarb may be easily obtained by placing barrels, or large boxes, over some of the roots. Cover these with a mixture of leaves and stable litter. E. F. T.

### A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

The essence of humanism is that belief of which he seems never to have doubted, that nothing which has ever interested living men and women can wholly lose its vitality—no language they have spoken, nor oracle by which they have hushed their voices, no dream which has once been entertained by actual human minds, nothing about which they have ever been passionate or expended time and zeal.—Walter Pater.

### THROUGH "THE MIRROR."

#### WHY THEY EAT SO MUCH.

Sir,—"W. M." tells us that a friend, now in the Army, has "increased his meals to five a day." This large eater is in better health because he is leading a less sedentary life. May not the same principle apply to many civilians? Hard work promotes appetite. Most of us are working hard. This may be an excuse, but it is also a reason for compulsory rationing. Drink restriction has done good. Why not restriction on over-eating? A. M. T. Harley-road, Hampstead, N.W.

# ALL THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

News and Views About Men, Women and Affairs in General

### Anxious Politicians.

I HEAR there is a good deal of uneasiness among a certain group of politicians concerning the recommendations of the Committee appointed by the late Government to examine the Paris Allied economic resolutions. They are, I am told, of a drastic character. Meanwhile one or two well-known M.P.s are getting alarmed lest Free Trade should be side-tracked for an indefinite period after the war.

### Party Controversy?

There are many M.P.s I know who would welcome a fiscal debate in the House. They have kept silent since the beginning of the war from a desire to preserve the party truce. But large questions of policy are involved in the Committee's report, and from what a well-known M.P. told me last night I should not be surprised if there is something in the nature of a sharp fiscal controversy in the House at an early date.

### Deputy Earl Marshal.

If, as is expected, Lord Edmund Talbot is appointed Deputy Earl Marshal until the coming of age of the young Duke of Norfolk, Hereditary Earl Marshal of England, the announcement will give general satisfaction. Lord Edmund is unlike the late Duke in appearance, but the younger brother has much of the late Duke's personal charm of manner, and is richly gifted with tact and wisdom.



Lord Edmund Talbot.

### His Future.

Like his brother, Lord Edmund is a devout Catholic, and on every occasion I have heard him in the House of Commons it has been on matters affecting his co-religionists. As Joint Chief Whip with Mr. Primrose he is very popular with members.

### Peeress in Ivory and Gold.

Lady Lowther, who is busy transforming the Savoy ballroom into a stage for Monday's "Objets d'Art" tableaux, told me of various changes she and Lady Carlisle have made since they gave them last month. Viscountess Maidstone is a newcomer as an ivory and gold St. Barbara and Lady Mainwaring is taking Lady Drogheda's place since she is in mourning.

### A Fra Angelico Group.

Miss Priscilla Reyntiers, who will support Countess Costla's daughter in the Fra Angelico triptych, is half English, half Belgian. Her mother, Lady Alice, is Lord Abingdon's daughter, and married Major Reyntiers, of the Belgian Army. Lord Wenlock's niece makes the third of a beautiful trio.

### The Straight-Down Gown.

There's nothing peg-toppy about the new frocks that grace "The Misleading Lady"—or so it would appear to a mere male eye. They are all clingy, trailed affairs that seem more transparent than they are. Miss Gladys Cooper's gown—the one that caused so much trouble—is a filmy affair of black, with an absurd train at one side and a gleam of silver round the waist.

### The Query.

Nearly everybody regards America as a "cert" now—but a few people still wonder whether it is going to be Wilson or Won'tson.

### Taxicab Driver in Mayfair Barn.

Women have been busy for some time training as taxicab drivers for the provinces. A girl took me recently to her workshop in Mayfair. It was a long barn with lattice windows curtained with orange, black and white. Rushes were on the floor, and orange covers on the chairs. Below, cut off by a winding stair, was the garage proper. The owner of this snug little place was the Hon. Gabrielle Borthwick.

### Anomalous?

Is it not rather anomalous that our hoardings should be telling us not to hoard?

## KNOWING ONE'S FIANCEE'S PEOPLE.—No. 10.



There are the younger members of her father's family to consider, too. One cannot always view them with the same affection that one would naturally give to one's own children.—(By W. K. Haselden.)



Rev. P. H. Ditchfield, M.A. who will edit a book on "The England of Shakespeare."



Miss Zoe Vera, the violinist who will be lecturing for the National Egg Fund to-morrow.

### Whole-Hog Publicity.

Those in Salisbury-square responsible for the publicity campaign on behalf of the War Loan take no half measures in the development of their schemes. They are giving the whole hog in the "last lap" before Friday.

### A Daring Swoop.

Not content with getting into touch with perhaps 25,000,000 of the population through the agency of the theatres, music-halls and picture houses during the last few days, and with covering Trafalgar-square and the Bank corner with loan posters, they are now commandeering the red pillar-boxes.

### The Piccadilly-circus Statue, Too.

Hitherto these have never been used for advertisement purposes. You can't see red now. It is covered by Victory Loan posters. I noticed yesterday that even the statue of Mercury in Piccadilly-circus is proclaiming the attractions of the world's finest investment.

### "Who's Afraid?"

Mr. Stanley Galpin tells me that the Society of Dorset Men in London have invested £100 in the new War Loan. London associations of the larger counties have been given a good lead.

### Patriotism at the Coliseum.

There is a patriotic programme at the Coliseum this week. "The Fourth of August" and "Pro Patria" are both "plays of the moment." I turned in to see Mrs. Patrick Campbell in the latter on Monday evening. She has a by no means easy part, but she plays up to it well, with genuine fire and passion. I notice, by the way, that the play has been written by her husband, Mr. G. Cornwallis-West.

### A Converted Shell Case.

One of the neatest souvenirs which soldiers make from shell cases is a small sugar basin which a friend has sent home from the trenches. It was made by a French poet. It is shaped like a tiny coal scuttle and has a miniature shovel.

### Trench Triplets.—I.

In the dead of the night  
Avoid the barbed wire:  
It gives you a fright  
In the dead of the night.  
It clutches you tight;  
Friends and foes open fire  
In the dead of the night—  
Avoid the barbed wire.

### A Friend of "Tommy."

I notice that Lady French is to open the Empire Fair at the Savoy to-day in aid of Lord Roberts' Memorial Workshops. Wherever there is any good work being done for our men at the front Lady French is sure to be in it. She loves "Tommy," and is always thinking of his comforts. I remember once asking her what she thought was the gift the soldiers in the trenches liked best—"I think," she said, "they like a pipe better than anything else."



Viscountess French.

### Idle Rumour.

Miss Phyllis Monkman tells me that she has been much annoyed at a rumour that is being circulated in certain quarters that she is engaged to an officer in the Coldstream Guards. You may have heard the rumour yourself—I certainly have—but I can assure you there isn't a word of truth in it.

### "In Ruhleben."

I have been glancing through "In Ruhleben," a book which consists of letters from a British prisoner of war in Germany to his mother. It is a volume of pathetic interest, with many sidelights on life in the Ruhleben camp. Mr. Douglas Sladen has edited it, and the illustrations were drawn on the spot by Mr. Stanley Grimm. THE RAMBLER.



# THE BLESSING OF THE WATER IN RUSSIA.



This religious ceremony takes place annually in midwinter. The soldiers drink the water after the ceremony has been performed.

# PEOPLE IN



Colonel E. D. Swinton, D.S.O. ("Old Luke Oie"), who has been created a C.B. He was one of the men responsible for the development of the "tanks."

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# THE GAS SENT



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# FOR SUMMER WEAR—THE NEW BARREL SKIRT

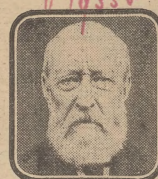
# AT BALACLAVA.



A summer hat with a rose and green leaves on the brim.



Barrel skirt in embroidered tulle for afternoon wear. It is cut narrower at the waist and hem to give the required fullness about the knees. Paris, where the creation comes from, hopes to popularise these skirts this summer.—(Albert Wyndham.)



Capt. Percy Smith, the last surviving officer of the Balaklava Charge, who has died.

# A REVERSAL FROM SHAKESPEARE'S



All the parts were taken by girls at an amateur performance of "Musketeers." It will be repeated at a matinee at the Strand Theatre. The photograph shows the Musketeers and D'Aragnan.

# HUNGER MAKES THE DEER TAME.



Wounded soldiers feeding the deer in Richmond Park.



# PUBLIC EYE.



Commander C. R. Samson, D.S.O., the famous airman, who is engaged to Miss Honor Storey, daughter of Mr. H. L. Storey, J.P., D.L.—(Official.)

## WESTERN FRONT.



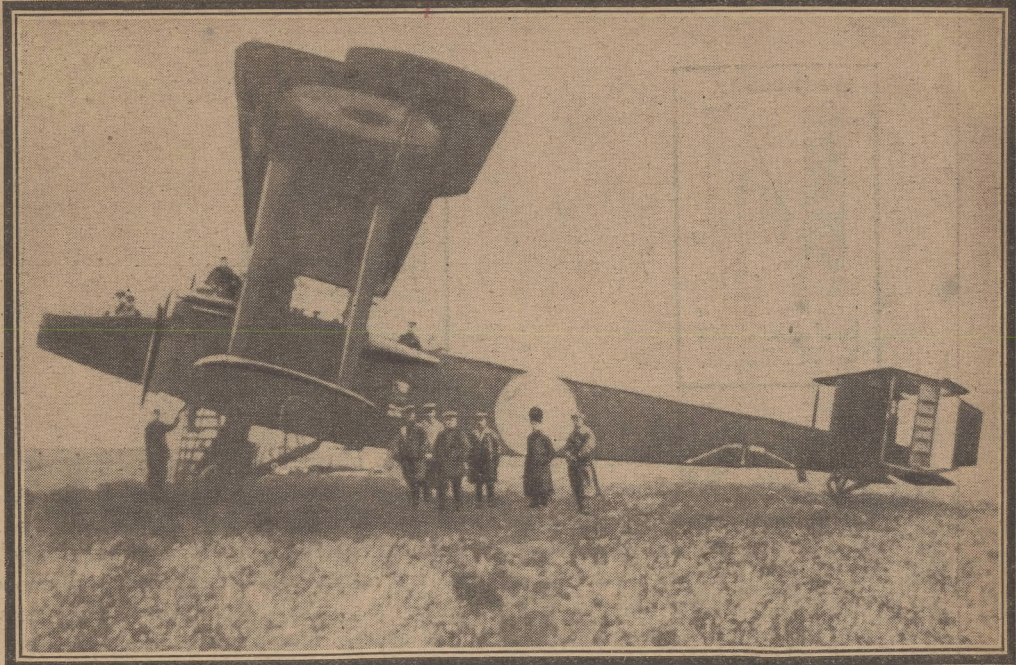
old shell case.—(Official photograph.)

## WINTER QUARTERS FOR THAMES SWANS.



Rosewell, a Shepperton boatman, has provided winter quarters for sixty swans which were suffering as a result of the severe weather. Here they are seen in their comfortable haven.

# "CAPTURE OF A HUGE BRITISH AEROPLANE."



This photograph is reproduced from the German paper, *Die Woche*, and shows a great aeroplane, which the enemy describes as "one of the latest British pattern." It looks bigger than the "Ilya Mourometz," the huge Russian machine, and can apparently carry about ten or twelve men. Some idea of its size can be gathered by comparing it with the soldiers standing before it.

## WAR HEROINE.



Dr. Isobel Tate, of Belfast, who has died at Malta. She served in Serbia.

## TWO YEARS AT VERDUN.



Colonel Gerard-Mangin, the only French woman doctor mobilised for service at the front. For two years she directed a hospital and received the Cross of the Legion of Honour for her services. She now directs the new Edith Cavell Hospital in Paris.

## WOMEN'S SHARE IN WAR LOAN.



Women investing in the War Loan. They are in-mourning for a loved one killed in action.

## WAR BRINGS STRANGE CHANGES.



The famous Opera House at Paris is being used by the Government as a centre for distributing coal.



Wednesday

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"Time is the deadliest of all the neutral powers. Let us see that we enlist him among our Allies."  
Right Hon. D. Lloyd George, M.P.

Thursday

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"It is vital the War Loan should be a success. It will be taken as the standard of the staying power of our people."  
Right Hon. A. Bonar Law, M.P.

Friday

16  
*Last Day*

"The money that is needed is in the pockets, in the deposits, in the investments of the people. Let them produce it."  
Right Hon. H. H. Asquith, M.P.

"WHOEVER has taken no share at all in the Nation's War Loan when Friday arrives can only be regarded as hopelessly *déclassé*, and equally hopelessly stupid. For not merely is this War Loan the most important ever launched in our financial history by a British Government on account of its objects, but it is also the most attractive in its terms as an investment. And no secret has been made of the fact that such terms will not be repeated. Those who keep their money in their pockets now will assuredly be sorry for it later, when they are asked to show how they responded to the call of the State."

"THE TIMES."

WHAT CASH OR BANK BALANCE HAVE YOU? WHAT SECURITIES OR PROPERTIES CAN YOU BORROW AGAINST? HOW MUCH CAN YOU SAVE THIS YEAR? BY WHICH OR ALL OF THESE METHODS ARE YOU GOING TO INCREASE YOUR WAR LOAN INVESTMENT?

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# THE PHANTOM LOVER.

By RUBY M. AYRES.

## HOW THE STORY BEGINS.



Esther Shepstone.

JUNE MASON, who is Micky's friend, becomes Esther's friend.

MARIE DELAND, of whom Micky was fond before he knew Esther, meets him on his return from Paris.

MRS. ASHTON, Raymond's mother, asks Micky whether he knows anything about the girl at Eldred's, to whom her son had been engaged. Micky denies all knowledge of her.

Micky invites June and Esther to go to a theatre with him.

Esther sees Raymond Ashton in a box with his mother. Afterwards Micky sees Ashton and makes him promise to leave London at once. Ashton tells him he is going to marry Mrs. Clare.

Esther comes to consult Micky about going to Paris. He manages to dissuade her, and then he sends Driver to Paris on an important mission—to buy a fur coat.

### A NEWSPAPER ANNOUNCEMENT.

"The Phantom-Lover," said June Mason lugubriously, "is certainly turning up trumps."

It was a week later, and she was giving Micky tea in the room with the mauve cushions.

Esther was out, she informed him as soon as he arrived. She knew now that it was to see Esther he came. She was quite reconciled to the fact, and had got over her first small pang of jealousy, but Esther's indifference to him enraged her.

"Can't the girl see what she's throwing away!" she asked herself indignantly. "What on earth is she made of that she can't see what's just waiting for her to take? If Micky had adored me as he adores her... well—my name wouldn't have been June Mason to-day. But she kept such thoughts to herself and treated Micky very much the same as usual, though unconsciously there was a slight restraint in her manner, especially when Esther was present."

"I'm beginning to think that I've misjudged our Raymond," she went on laughingly. "Perhaps someone has converted him. Anyway, he's treating Esther handsomely. First, the money, and last week the fur coat..." Micky looked up with sudden interest.

"Oh, it's come, then, has it!" he said eagerly. "Come! It's been here two days. How did you know, thought?" she asked, with sudden suspicion.

"I heard you talking about it. Wasn't it you? No? Then it must have been Miss Shepstone herself."

"I dare say," said June easily. "I never saw anyone so delighted with a thing as she was with that coat. And it is a beauty, Micky! I only hope it's paid for," she added, practically.

"Why shouldn't it be paid for?" Micky said.

She made a little grimace. "Because Raymond Ashton never paid for things if he could help it, and you know he didn't," she told him, tartly. "However, as he seems to be a reformed character, we'll give him the benefit of the doubt." Suddenly she began to laugh. "And that isn't all," she said again. "This morning a collar arrived for that blessed cat—" she indicated Charlie sleeping peacefully on the rug. "A silver collar, too, my boy, with Esther's name on it..."

Micky stooped to examine the collar; his face was very red when, after a moment, he looked up again.

"Esther declares she never told him we'd got a cat," June told him doubtfully. "But, of course, she must have done, or else the man's got second sight."

Micky was drinking his tea; he choked suddenly.

A feeling of panic closed upon him; never told him she'd got a cat of course she hadn't! What a fool he had been to make such a blunder—what an utter blockhead.

"I expect she did tell him," he managed to say. "I daresay she's forgotten it, though."

"Yes, that's what I think," June lit a cigarette and passed the lighted match over to Micky.

"Any way, Esther goes about the place singing all day," she added, dryly. "There's a doubt at all that she's up in the seventh heaven of happiness now. Reams of letters the man writes her. Perhaps, as the novels tell us, love is a wonderful thing..." She looked at Micky with a comical expression in her eyes. "I should say it must be if it's reformed that man," she added cynically.

Micky stayed as long as he could in case Esther came in; it was only when he began to feel sure that June knew why he was dragging his visit to such a length that he said he ought to be going.

"There's no hurry," she said, kindly. "Why not wait till Esther comes in! She can't be long now."

Micky shook his head; he said he couldn't spare the time, but in his heart he knew quite well that he intended to wait.

"I suppose she'll—she never talks any more about taking a job now, eh?" he asked, after a moment.

(Translation, dramatic and all other rights secured.)

"No, I don't think so; that man's word is law to her, you know. I believe if he said 'Come out here and marry me at once,' she'd fly off by the next train. As a matter of fact, I'm expecting something of the sort almost daily."

"I don't think he'll do that," Micky said. He stood with his back to the fire, his hands in his pockets, staring up at the ceiling.

"No!" June watched him quizzically. "Do you know, Micky," she said, at last, "that I consider you've altered a lot lately?"

He swung round at once, and scrutinised himself in the glass over the mantelshelf.

"For the worse or the better?" he asked, anxiously. "I know I never was exactly an Adonis!" She laughed merrily.

"I don't mean your face, stupid, but yourself. You're quieter, you don't go about so much; in fact," she challenged him deliberately, "I believe you're in love."

"So I am," said Micky, stolidly.

She pretended not to take him seriously.

"It's no joking matter—I mean what I say," "So do I," said Micky. He laughed. He came over to where she was sitting, and stood behind her chair so that she could not see his face. "I've tried to make up my mind to tell you lots of times," he said with an effort. "But I thought perhaps you'd have guessed before now..." He stopped and moved away from her restlessly.

June sat very still; presently—

"It's Esther," she said quietly.

"Yes," said Micky, "she said quietly."

"Poor old Micky..." She held her hand to him in the firelight, but Micky shook his head.

"You needn't be sorry for me; I walked into it with my eyes wide open. I knew she was engaged—I knew it all the time."

"And Esther... does she know? Have you told her?"

"Yes," she took it as an insult. Perhaps it was, I don't know; you see I knew she was engaged to that other fellow."

"An outsider! who isn't worth a thought," June cried indignantly. "Micky, however could she have refused you?"

He laughed, he looked down at her with a comical expression in his eyes.

"She's not the first woman who's done that," he reminded her.

She sat up with sudden haste.

"That wasn't anything, but this..."

"This," said Micky, "isn't anything either, except on my side. You always told me that some day I shouldn't be able to have what I wanted—you were right. I'm not grumbling."

"I should like to slap her!" said June, viciously. He laughed outright at that.

"If you did I should slap you, my dear," He went back to his chair by the fire. "It's only between ourselves, June," he said.

"Of course... and Micky—do you think she will marry Ashton?"

Micky did not answer for a moment. His face looked rather grave in the firelight.

"No," he said, at last. "I don't think so."

June stared at him.

"Then—then do you mean—" But he would not tell her anything.

"You've heard quite enough for one day," he said, teasingly. "Don't worry your head about me. I don't know why I told you—somehow I thought you'd guessed."

June threw her cigarette into the fire.

"I did. I'll be honest—I did guess," she broke off. "Here is Esther," she added.

She got up and opened the door.

"The lady with the fur coat," she announced, dryly. "Pray come in, madame!"

"June," said Esther, protestingly.

She seemed to guess who was there. She looked past her friend at once to where Micky sat.

She coloured faintly as he rose to greet her. He had not seen her in the fur coat before. The dark fur suited her fairness admirably; the heavy folds hung gracefully about her slim figure; her face rose like a flower from the big, upstanding collar.

"And where have you been all the afternoon?" June demanded. "We waited tea for you till nearly five." She glanced at the clock.

"It's half past six now."

Esther made a little grimace. "I've had my tea out—wih Mr. Harley."

"Harley?" said Micky, sharply.

June laughed.

"He's one of the tribe who live here," she explained. "He's a great admirer of Esther's. And he's quite a nice boy, too, isn't he?" she appealed to her friend.

"Very nice," Esther agreed. "I met him quite by chance, and so we went and had some tea, and came home together."

Micky was frowning; it was odd that he felt more jealous of this man whom he had never seen than he had ever done of Ashton. He hated to feel that Esther had gone out with him wearing her new coat.

He stood by silently while the two girls chattered together; he felt very much out of it and unwanted; when, more for his sake than her own, June suggested that they all went out to supper at a restaurant he refused almost roughly. To-night he felt that he could not be with Esther and keep up the old pretence of friendship; he wanted more than friendship to satisfy him; with each passing day it was getting increasingly difficult to play his part.

Ashton was not married yet, as far as he knew; supposing at some distant date he came back to Esther after all? The thought tortured him.

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